

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
September 9, 2015**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Stephen LaBranche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

CRS Grant

Chairman Rage welcomed Jason Bachand, Town Planner, and Rayanne Dionne, Conservation Coordinator.

Ms. Dionne gave an explanation of the CRS rating system. It is a voluntary program offered by FEMA. It is an incentive-based program where a community receives credit for actions taken to reduce flood risk.

Ms. Dionne said there are 10 levels that can be reached. Each level gives a 5% decrease in your insurance rate. Hampton is the highest policy holder in the State so many people can benefit. Ms. Dionne gave examples of ways to earn points such as outreach, high regulatory standards, map information service. There are other options to earn points including working with other towns.

Mr. Bachand said the Town of Hampton applied for a grant for the purposes of applying to this program. This grant was awarded. The Rockingham Planning Commission has committed to working with Hampton on the CRS program. The Town is working hard on ways to earn points thereby reducing insurance rates.

Commissioner Ladd asked about a timeline towards obtaining discounts. Mr. Bachand explained that points must be earned and then there will be verification visits from FEMA. This will probably be achieved by fall of 2016.

Commissioner Ladd asked Mr. Bachand and Ms. Dionne to come back with an update. They agreed to return at the December meeting.

Chairman Rage thanked Mr. Bachand and Ms. Dionne for attending tonight's meeting.

Blue Ocean Discovery Center

Cathy Silva, Blue Ocean Discovery Center, said they have had a very successful season. Volunteers are still needed. If anyone would like to help during the Seafood Festival they should come to the center.

The center is planning a Halloween party in October. Birthday parties are still available and the center will take part in the New Year's Eve celebration.

Ms. Silva asked everyone to participate in the International Beach and Coastal Clean-up on October 20th.

Beautification Committee

Linda Gebhart said a new fence will be put up at the State Park entrance after the Seafood Festival. Trees and various flowers will also be planted.

Ms. Gebhart thanked all the volunteers who have helped with watering, weeding, etc. Thanks to these volunteers flowers are still blooming. She also thanked the owners of Dodge Agway for loaning a wagon to transport water.

Ms. Gebhart said there have been many compliments on the flowers from tourists.

Parking

Mike O'Neil said the new parking lot is established and opened last week. He is working with Unitil on lighting. Neighbors have called and given their thanks for how the lot is being maintained.

It was an excellent year for the fire station lot. This lot will be kept open during October and November due to a lot of concerts and other events.

A resident expressed concern about traffic being increased on Fellows and Tuttle. Mr. O'Neil said if there is a problem it will be taken care of.

Chairman Rage said the possibility of a shuttle is being looked at. There is a problem with parking for restaurant employees. Brian Lapham said there will be a Transportation Committee meeting in October to discuss this.

Old Business

Commissioner Ladd said many thanks should go to Commissioner Buckley, Glen French and John Kane for their work on the talent competition. The talent was fabulous. Commissioner Buckley thanked the many volunteers and the judges who helped make this event a success. She also thanked Ute Pineo for ensuring all children had a costume during Children's Week.

Chairman Rage said Movie Night is the "best bang for your buck". There have been 500-600 people attending. Commissioner Buckley thanked John Kane for his work on Movie Night.

New Business

Chairman Rage said the current fireworks company will be reaching the end of their contract after the New Years shoot. The Village District will be taking bids for providing fireworks and interested companies will be here in December or January.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Ladd, seconded by Chairman Rage, to approve the Minutes of August 12, 2015.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ute Pineo said the contract for the Vietnam Moving Wall needs to be signed and a \$1,000 deposit made. Dates were discussed. It was decided that the wall would be set up on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 and remain in place through Sunday, September 4th.

Closing Comments

Commissioner Buckley thanked everyone for all they did this summer. Commissioner Ladd said he would echo that sentiment.

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Chairman Rage said he had talked to Senator Nancy Stiles. There will be a Rising Tides conference at the Ashworth on October 24th and 25th. This could be a potential for extra business for beach businesses.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary